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SUBJ: BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PARIS
FEBRUARY 25

1. DURING SOCIAL EVENT MONDAY, BRITISH EMBASSY
POLITICAL COUNSELOR GAVE US FOLLOWING RUNDOWN OF FOREIGN
SECRETARY OWEN'S VISIT TO PARIS FEBRUARY 25.

2. BERLIN AND EC-9-SOVIET FISHERIES AGREEMENT: OWEN
AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD WERE IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT THAT REFERENCE TO BERLIN IN FISHERIES ACCORD
SHOULD BE LEFT VAGUE. THEY AGREED THAT EC
NEGOTIATORS WOULD EMPHASIZE BERLIN IN ORAL
PRESENTATIONS. OUR SOURCE SAID THERE IS NOT THE LEAST
NUANCE OF A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LONDON AND PARIS ON THIS
ISSUE. HE ALSO HAD THE FEELING FROM FEBRUARY 25
EXCHANGES BETWEEN OFFICIALS THAT THERE IS SOME
FLEXIBILITY ON GERMAN SIDE.

3. CONCORDE: DE GUIRINGAUD MADE A BIG PITCH FOR BOTH
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GOF AND UK TO KEEP UP A STEADY DRUMBEAT OF PRESSURE ON
US UNTIL MARCH 10 DECISION. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT OWEN
AGREED.

4. EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: OWEN ASSURED DE GUIRINGAUD
THAT HMG WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING OFF
UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN

MAY, 1978 AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED.

5. TROJAN HORSE ISSUE: OWEN AND DE GUIRINGAUD AGREED TO BURY THE PROBLEM OF THE SPECIAL UK-US RELATIONSHIP AND ITS IMPACT ON THE EC-9. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE USG INTERVENTION TO STOP THE EC-9 MINISTERS FROM ISSUING A DECLARATION ON THE MIDDLE EAST HAD NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE USG'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NINE. IT WAS MERELY A COINCIDENCE. AT A PRESS LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 28, DE GUIRINGAUD WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT GOF SUSPICIONS CONCERNING THE US-UK RELATIONSHIP. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PARIS, THERE IS NO DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS RAISED, DE GUIRINGAUD SAID, THEREBY BURYING THE TROJAN HORSE ISSUE FOR THE TIME BEING.
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